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NEWS OF THE WORLD
IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

The tragedy of Peking is the most appalling one since the massacre at Cawnpore when Nana Sahib shot down the English officers in the presence of their families, then butchered the women and children and threw them into the Martyr's Well. In more than one respect these scenes were kin. Doom was swift both in the Indian city and the Chinese capital; terrible in its blow, inhuman in its spirit. There was no pity for the helpless; it is a story of the keen descending sword, of fiendish tortures, of ignominious death, of bloody and charred wrecks of humanity lying underfoot. To-day China stands arrayed against civilization; and there rises to the mind that prophetic picture, painted by the hand of the German Emperor, in which the Christian powers in full panoply of mail and with unsheathed swords stand watching the savage apparition, yellow of face and slant of eye, that looms among the dun red clouds of the Farther East.

The hour has come for Christendom to mass its soldiery and force the great barbaric empire to its knees. Otherwise the continent of Asia, catching the lust of blood and mutiny, may become a hell of revolution from Siberia to the Bosphorus. A retreat from China would mean retreat from Asia and the destruction on that vast continent of every good thing that civilization has erected there since the days of Marco Polo. Christianity, commerce, trade, education, human life itself await the issue appealing to the moral world to save them from the hoof of the beast.

In this great work America must do its part. Say what one may about imperialistic conquests; about the danger of Old World complications for a New World power, the fact remains that the duty of the United States to restore peace in China is as great as that of England, or Germany or Russia. American missionaries and traders were among the first to penetrate the ancient empire; our people have given freely of life and treasure to plant their religious and commercial customs there; if alien presence caused the uprising then Americans are responsible with the Europeans; and blood calls from the ground to us as it does to others. America must stand shoulder to shoulder with all champions of Christendom until China, bowing to the inevitable, yields right of way to the civilizing powers.

The Chinese Minister at Washington has a dispatch from Shanghai, said to have been sent there from Peking two days after the reported massacre, saying that the legations were then safe. Naturally the United States Government does not believe it. Were the way open to send news from Peking to Shanghai something would have got through from the envoys, assuming them to be alive. Desirous as the Tsung li Yamen is to have the foreign powers cease sending troops into China, it would not have overlooked the value of reassuring telegrams from the foreign diplomats. The lack of a single word points to the worst conclusions and justifies the belief that the Chinese Government is merely playing for time so as to gain a military advantage.

The Chronicle will have a war correspondent in China in the person of Martin J. Egan, who served the same paper in the Philippines for several months and has lately represented it at New York. Mr. Egan is a journalist of the best type, experienced in the hard and dangerous work that may devolve upon him in China, and he is certain, if he gets a chance, to add to the Chronicle's great reputation as a news-gatherer.

The British Government will be quite right in seizing the person of Li Hung Chang, for if that wily old statesman ever gets to Peking the troubles of the allies will multiply. He is a man who favored Western ways to the end that China might be armed against the foreigner. Now that his policy is bearing fruit he is not likely to neutralize it. Christendom will be better off at present, with Li Hung Chang in exile.

If it is true—which we feel at liberty to doubt—that fifteen Chinese cruisers are in the Yellow Sea cleared for action, a naval battle will follow. But such a fleet is not known to the latest "Brassey" and if it were extant the chances of its going to the Yellow Sea are small. Every naval base in that quarter save one is held by the enemy and that one has been watched by foreign warships for weeks.

The Boers are taking courage from the turn of events in China and promise to keep Lord Roberts busy for a long time to come. The last big fight went their way. This country may have a similar experience in the Philippines, as the discomfiture of the white forces before Peking is likely to nerve Aguinaldo's men to show the best—or worst—there is in them.

It is astonishing that the Chinese have got on a modern military basis since the war with Japan—the more so because the outside world had no inkling of it. The armed men who sprang from the ground at the sowing of the dragon's teeth were no more unexpected than is the suddenly-developed military following of Prince Tuan.

Gordon's and Wolseley's opinion that the Chinese soldier can fight begins to be shared by everybody else.

The Chicago river may be widened.

The wall paper trust has collapsed.

R. G. Dun of New York is seriously ill.

There has been a good rainfall in India.

Serious fighting is expected in Mindanao.

Smallpox at Jackson, Cal., is under control.

Gold Democrats will not put up a ticket.

McKinley will make no campaign speeches.

Mexicans are fighting the Yaquis in Durango.

California's flour trade with China has been lost.

London papers score Astor for the Milne incident.

A case of yellow fever is reported at New York.

Counterfeiters are reaping a harvest in the Philippines.

Japan is increasing her demand for American flour.

Six people have died from the heat in New York city.

Forty thousand soldiers will be kept in the Philippines.

Pierre Fontaine, an aged Oakland man, has disappeared.

Reports from Venezuela are that the revolution is over.

Tea may go up in price owing to the troubles in China.

Bloemfontein is to be the Federal capital of South Africa.

Ex-Warden Hale of San Quentin prison, California, is dead.

Former Controller Ashbel P. Fitch of New York bolts Bryan.

The Union Pacific's net earnings for 1899 were over \$20,000,000.

Americans made a clean sweep in the Paris athletic contests.

Brig. Gen. T. H. Barry will be MacArthur's chief of staff.

The Christian Endeavorers of the world are in session in London.

Mexican troops will go to the Yonder river to flank the Mayas.

Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian poet and dramatist, is seriously ill.

San Francisco is agitating for a subway under Market street.

The Earl of Hopetown is the new Governor General of Australia.

It is stated at Cape Town that 10,000 Boers will move to America.

Champ Clark will be a candidate for the Senate to succeed Vest.

The stenographers of California are in convention at San Francisco.

Senator Gear of Iowa is dead. He was born at Ithaca, N. Y., in 1825.

The B. P. O. Elks will hold its next annual meeting at Milwaukee.

Prof. Merrick, a well-known scientist, has been lost on the Utah desert.

Most of the side shows connected with the Paris Exposition are failures.

J. W. Yerkes has been nominated for Governor by Kentucky Republicans.

Portland exporters are suing for the return of duties collected at Manila.

The Goebel law will be made the issue of the campaign in Kentucky this fall.

The anti-Imperialists may put a third ticket in the field and nominate Dewey.

The Populists and Democrats of South Dakota have nominated a fusion ticket.

A crucible steel trust has been organized in Pittsburgh with a capital of \$50,000,000.

It is rumored that Wyatt Earp, the famous gambler, has been killed at Nome.

Andrew Carnegie refuses to give \$50,000 towards the restoration of the Acropolis.

Major J. C. Caperton, a prominent Kentuckian, died at Chicago of heart failure.

Albert B. White has been nominated for Governor by the West Virginia Republicans.

Dr. John Fryer of Berkeley may remain in China, where he is a high mandarin.

Coomassie has been relieved by the column under command of Col. Willcocks.

A \$4,000 bulldog owned by Frank Crocker, son of the Tammany boss, has been stolen.

Fifteen persons are known to have perished in a cloudburst at Coleman, Texas.

The rebellion in Colombia continues but Panama is held by the Government troops.

George Gould wants to run for Congress on the Republican ticket in New Jersey.

European monarchs are not going to the French fair though the Shah may attend.

L. G. Tewksbury, a banker of Concord, N. H., has disappeared and foul play is feared.

All grades of refined sugar have been advanced ten cents on the hundred pounds.

Corbett and McCoy are matched for a fight at Madison Square Garden, August 25th.

It is rumored that a plot to blow up the President of France has been thwarted.

The trial of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel murder, has begun.

The German Navy is not satisfied with English canned beef and wants the American brand.

Adelbert Hay, United States Consul at Pretoria, is about to leave there for Washington.

Chicago Republicans will organize a marching club of 10,000 men, infantry and Rough Riders.

Schweinfurth has closed his "heaven," married one of his angels and left the rest to mourn.

The United States cruiser Baltimore, returning from Manila, is at Gibraltar awaiting orders.

Fire has destroyed the northern section of Prescott, Arizona, at a loss of \$200,000.

Amalgamation of the American Federation of Labor and Western Federation of Labor is proposed.

There are grave fears of an Indian uprising in Minnesota. Blanket Indians are holding war dances.

Hundreds of cattle are perishing in Arizona and Southern California on account of the drought.

A buoy marked "Andres" Polar Expedition, 1898, No. 3, has been picked up near the coast of Iceland.

W. S. Wright, an Indiana newspaper man, is now Prime Minister of the Republic of San Domingo.

Willie Smith, the American golf champion, was beaten by Harry Vardon, the Englishman, at Chicago.

The Prince of Wales wrote to Sir Berkeley Milne saying he thought Astor's conduct unpardonable.

George Lederer and A. H. Chamberlain, two theatrical managers, are at war over the play, "The Cadet Girl."

It is announced by the British War Office that 650 British prisoners released by the Boers are at Ladysmith.

The Pullman Free School of Manual Training has received \$1,200,000 from the estate of George M. Pullman.

A Pullman car rolled down a 60-foot embankment in Shasta county, Cal., and all the passengers were hurt.

Idaho Republicans are in convention at Boise. The Silver party of the same State are meeting at Pocatello.

Charles R. Eastman, a Harvard instructor, is accused of the murder of his brother-in-law, R. T. Grogan, Jr.

Mrs. Natalie Meyer, eldest daughter of Havemeyer, the sugar king, is dead and is supposed to have shot herself.

J. J. A. Powell, a young Englishman, has been arrested in San Francisco for felony, embezzlement on a warrant from Colorado, where he is wanted on various charges, including bigamy.

Every important harbor in the United States will be protected by a submarine torpedo boat of the Holland type.

John Owens pleaded guilty at Suisun, Cal., to the murder of Daniel Wilson, in Suisun valley on October 9th, 1896.

The sale was raised on July 11th and twenty-four bodies taken from the hold, making the ship's death list sixty.

Cornelius Harris, the only negro member of the jury that indicted Jefferson Davis, is dead. He was a Democrat.

Captain Healey of the revenue cutter McCulloch has been declared insane. He tried to leap off his ship into the sea.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, hereafter for kidnapping his child at Los Angeles, has been discharged by a New York Judge.

The Lincolns lost half their officers at Nitra's Nek, where a British force was ambushed by Boers in khaki.

Bob Fitzsimmons' 5-year-old son was nearly drowned at Bergen Beach, near New York, but was rescued by his father.

Capt. Coghlan, U.S.N., who commanded the Raleigh at Manila bay, is near death's door as a result of an operation.

Mrs. Charles J. Dickman, a well-known San Francisco woman, has brought suit for divorce from her husband.

W. W. Rockhill will be sent to China as a special commissioner to investigate and report on the situation there.

Col. F. M. Lowden, son-in-law of Geo. M. Pullman, will make a fight for the United States Senate against Shelby M. Cullom.

Miss Caroline E. Keyes, said to be from San Francisco, has pleaded guilty in London to stealing jewelry from rooms in a hotel.

The Nebraska Democrats and Populists in a joint convention nominated a fusion ticket on which five out of six are Populists.

The Dutch Consul at Pretoria has been taken prisoner by the Boers, and is charged with carrying letters into the Boer lines.

Bryan and Stevenson will be formally notified of their selection as candidates of the Democratic party at Indianapolis August 8th.

Burton C. Lund of Oakland has invented a bicycle on which he proposes to ride the railroad tracks from San Francisco to New York.

The former transport Belgian King has been rechartered by the United States Government to carry supplies from Seattle to Manila.

Prospects in India show improvement, although there were 523 cases of cholera in the famine districts during the week ending July 7th.

The Creede fortune is again in the courts at Los Angeles on a petition by Mrs. Louisa Creede for an allowance of \$250 per month.

Samuel Smith (Liberal) and John Burns (Socialist) have made a remarkable exception of official corruption in London on Tammany lines.

The 12,000-ton steamship Vaderland of the Red Star line has been launched at Glasgow. She will ply between New York and Antwerp.

Miss Bessie Warren and T. J. Kelly of San Francisco are believed to have been drowned by the upsetting of a yacht in San Francisco bay.

The new Pacific Mail wharf at La Boca, near the entrance of the Nicaragua canal is a success. The steamer Costa Rica successfully docked.

The Chinese of San Francisco will lodge claims against the city government for \$2,000,000 for damage accruing to them by the plague quarantine.

Two Anoka, Minn., girls confess to having conspired to kill their father and mother, who had forbidden them to marry the men of their choice.

Smallpox is now epidemic in Nome City and the military, unable to cope with the scourge, ask assistance. All who have money will leave the place.

The Peary Arctic relief steamer Windward has left Sydney, C. B., with supplies. Mrs. Peary superintended the loading with the lighter stores.

J. J. Van Allen, son-in-law of Mrs. Wm. Astor, was compelled to pay \$1,000 extra duty on dresses brought by his family from Europe and undeclared.

Captured correspondence shows that the Filipinos will hold on until the American election has occurred. Their hopes rest on Bryan's success.

Roberts is severely criticized in London for the Nitra's Nek affair. British Generals are said to be breaking down under the strain of Transvaal duty.

Congressman De Vries will resign his seat as Congressman from California, having been appointed a member of the Board of Appraisers in New York.

Chief Wikke of the secret service thinks the threat to assassinate McKinley was made by a crank. Notwithstanding this the President is carefully guarded.

The number of immigrants arriving in the United States during the year ending June 30th was 48,551, as compared with the previous year's record of 31,715.

Corea will spend a million in moving the imperial cemetery. Evil powers tormented the Empress' soul and the astrologers insisted on the change being made.

The Gold Democrats will not nominate a separate ticket, but will pronounce against the candidates nominated at the Kansas City convention and then adjourn.

Action has been begun in New Jersey for attachment on the great paper, Robert J. G. 315, which was owned by L. G. Tewksbury, the missing broker of New York.

A runaway freight train at Sissons, Cal. ran down hill at the rate of 75 miles an hour. Fourteen of thirty-one cars jumped the track on a curve with disastrous results.

Large crowds attended the ceremonies of notifying Gov. Roosevelt of his nomination for the Vice Presidency. It took place at Oyster Bay, L. I., where Gov. Roosevelt has his summer home.

Two hundred passengers passed a night of terror on a sand bar in Lake Michigan. They were passengers on the Charles McVea, which was pulled off the bar after rolling there over fourteen hours.

Charles H. Ackers, secretary of Arizona, reports that in an interview with President McKinley, the latter spoke favorably of the admission of the three territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The claim of the heirs of Charles Durkee, formerly Governor of Utah, against the United States for certain bonds of the Central Pacific Company valued at \$64,623,812, has been dismissed by Judge Hagner of the Washington District Supreme Court.

Elvia Crox Seabrooke, the former San Francisco opera singer, attempted suicide at New Orleans by swallowing a dose of carbolic acid. She and her husband, Mr. West, had been singing there in the Athletic Park Casino.

J. F. Gillette, who claims to be from Los Angeles and says he has served six years in the United States Army, was wearing a major's uniform and passed several bogus checks.

Marcus Braun, a newspaper man, has been awarded \$750 by a New York court against the Wagner Palace Car Company because he was not permitted to sleep in the berth purchased by him. It was sold to another man by another agent.

Gov. Roosevelt was the principal speaker at the meeting of the State Republican Leagues at St. Paul and in the course of his address he said that the Democratic method of dealing with the Philippine situation as outlined at Kansas City would be the same as for us to espouse the cause of the Boxers in China.

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